



CALOHI ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES (2/3/03)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed statewide assessment of HIPAA impact on all state entities. Surveyed approximately 300 state departments, boards, and commissions.
- Analyzed the findings from the above and prepared the statutorily required statewide report to the Legislature.
- Sponsoring a significant privacy bill.
- Sponsoring a preemption bill to amend state law that is preempted by HIPAA.
- Coordinated comments on proposed federal regulations for a unified California response, including the comments on the proposed changes to the privacy regulations.
- Serve as a point of contact and information for the Department of Finance and legislative staff on HIPAA budget issues. Developed process to review departmental HIPAA budget requests.
- Conducted preemption analysis to determine where HIPAA preempts major statewide privacy law. Also, developed a process for departments to perform this analysis for their own program specific statutes.
- Issue policy and information memoranda to guide the implementation of HIPAA in state departments, provide tools, and promote consistency.
- Developed a fiscal reporting system to track departmental HIPAA expenditures and report to the Department of Finance and the Legislature.
- Developed a website where our preemption analysis, tools, policy and information memoranda, links to federal websites, and other HIPAA information is posted.
- Worked with the Department of General Services to establish a HIPAA Master Services Agreement. Also, developed a process for CalOHI to review and approve departmental HIPAA contracts.
- Reorganized Statewide Workgroup and subgroups, including formalizing county participation.
- Developed a uniform process for receiving and reviewing HIPAA implementation plans and schedules from departments.
- Participated in major NGA meeting with HHS on HIPAA.
- Invited to testify at National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics hearing on HIPAA.
- Organized statutorily required Advisory Committee.
- Participate on DHS Executive HIPAA Steering Committee, and Local Codes Workgroup.
- Directed development of federal compliance plans for departments to gain a year's extension to the Transactions and Codes Sets compliance deadline.

- Developing a dialogue with the Office of Civil rights on privacy issues.
- Met with Chief Deputies to help plan departmental efforts in this fiscal year.
- Interviewed for American Public Human Services Association national magazine.
- Developed departmental monitoring and review process.
- Made communication with counties and providers a major theme this year.
- County and provider visits.
- Provided staff and contractor assistance for several departments' HIPAA assessments.
- Sent a HIPAA awareness letter to the counties.
- Provide technical assistance to the Legislature.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Working with the Legislature on CalOHI proposed legislation, and other legislation dealing with medical privacy.
- Continuing preemption analysis.
- Working with the Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Privacy Protection on public outreach and education materials.
- Continuing the development of tools for departments and counties to use.
- Developing a HIPAA privacy training program and curriculum.
- Building a monitoring and reporting system.
- Making the website interactive for fiscal reporting and plan updates.
- Continuing national dialogues with NGA, OCR, and HHS.
- Developing a statewide master plan for HIPAA.
- Developing a testing policy for Transactions and Code Sets.
- Organizing communication events for departments and stakeholders.
- Continuing participation on DHS Executive steering Committee and Local Codes Workgroup.
- Monitoring significant federal activity and events in other states.
- Monitoring budget status.
- Bringing project management contractor on board to develop communications plan, work with web contractor on communication and reporting tools, support workgroups, and undertake program/departmental reviews where significant risks or issues are identified.
- Planning visits to counties, providers, and departmental field offices, hospitals, developmental centers, etc.